



## **2017 RULES - EUROPEAN FATHER AND SON GOLF COMPETITION**

### **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The European Father and Son Golf Championship (EFSGC) will be strictly run in accordance to the rules of golf.

The tournament referee's decision is final in all matters. In the event of difficult rulings, consultation with the PGA will be taken at the Referee's and Director's discretion.

#### **Rulings**

During your round a referee buggy will circulate around the course. If you have a query or need a ruling please ask the official before submitting your card. In the event no official is on hand please play the two ball rule. Declare to your partners that your intention is to play a second ball and consult the referee at the first opportunity before the end of your round for a ruling before you sign your card.

#### **The Event**

The tournament will be played over 3 days making a 54 hole competition. There will be two events - Best Scratch and Best Handicap (90% of handicap allowance). In the event a team records the highest points total in both the scratch and handicap events, they will automatically win the Scratch Championship and the Handicap Championship will be allocated to the team with the next highest handicap points total.

#### **Format**

The format of the tournament will be a Father and Son team, two ball, better ball, stableford with one best ball score on each hole being recorded from the pair. The highest amount of accumulated points over the three days will win the event.

#### **Registration**

Registration will be held in the Hotel Reception on Monday 19.00 – 20.30. We would ask everyone to make sure they register. You will need to register your team's arrival and confirm if your Handicap Verification Form has changed (any changes must be supported by an original handicap Certificate). It is imperative Handicap changes are confirmed with registration before the event. Please note that we will call the golf club secretaries of the leading teams on the final day to verify their handicap. Failure to register or produce a Handicap Certificate will result in your team not being entered. You must attend the registration desk every day to collect your cards and be given the rules for that day (we cannot be held responsible for anyone who does not receive the rules for the day). You will also be given nearest the pin and longest drive for each day at reception. EFSGC Reception desk opens at 08.00 everyday. In the case of bad weather your team must still report to the golf course until the day's play is officially cancelled and you have spoken to the tournament director.

#### **Local Rules**

These will be provided in English and any amendments during the week will be confirmed each day.

#### **Scoring**

It is compulsory that you pick up your ball if you cannot score! Do not continue playing or holding up play. You must hand in your card within 15 mins after your round, wait for your card to be verified and agreed. We will NOT accept scorecards at the hotel. Failure to hand in your completed signed cards will result in disqualification for that day. Please remember we will need a handicap total and a scratch total on each score card. It is imperative for your card to be accepted you must calculate and mark your total final scores. Failure to do so will result in no score being recorded.

### **Slow Play**

After years of trying to find a solution to slow play we continue to find it a challenge to eradicate the problem of groups losing ground causing tail backs whereby the last few teams on the course face the prospect of a 6 hour round!! Which we must stamp out. This year we have introduced some new innovative measures to combat the problem. Firstly we will have our own employed marshals, marshalling both nines, ensuring that no one team loses over a hole too the group in front. Secondly we are going to operate a green, amber, red card system. At the start of the event any groups not keeping up with pace of play will be asked to close the gap. If they fail to do so they will be issued with green cards. Over the remainder of the event if the same team continues to be found in groups causing slow play they will be issued an amber and then a red card. Once issued a red card and automatic one point will be taken off their total score. We feel this is a very fair system and gives everyone a second chance to pick up their speed, but acts as a deterrent and encourages people to be mindful of their pace of play.

### **Tee Times**

It is IMPERATIVE all competitors tee off on their allocated time. All teams MUST report to the starter on the tee **10mins** before your allocated tee time ready to play. Failure to be at the tee 5 mins before will result in a 1 point penalty. Failure to tee off on time will result in your match being put back a time and your team receiving a 2 points penalty to be taken off your final score! On the final day your tee times will be allocated based on your tournament position with the leading teams going out last from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Tee times for the last day will be posted in the Hotel the evening before.

Please note shot gun start you should start to go to tee a minimum of 15 minutes before the shot gun start.

### **Leaving the Course**

**It is strictly against the rules to leave the course whilst in play.** The only permissible reason would be to use the toilet. Buying drinks or food at the bar or entering the club house during your round is forbidden. A 2 points penalty will be given. Half way huts are available on the course during play so there is no excuse.

### **Handicaps**

EFSGC aims to find the BEST father and son teams in Europe. We want a competitive and fair championship whereby the golfers that play to the best of their ability during the week have a chance to WIN. Official club handicaps will be accepted as proof of ability. However this may not conclusively reflect the current form/handicap of an individual golfer in a foreign country. The EFSGC considers golfers consistently playing 6 strokes or more below their allocated handicap (*considering the difficulty of these championship courses and under competitive conditions*) are playing off handicaps that may not be a true reflection of their CURRENT ability. The Tournament Referee and Director reserve the right to cut players on observation for the remainder of the event.

### **Amateurs**

The handicapping will be run in accordance to CONGU non CONGU players EGA i.e. European Golf Association Slope Handicap System. EGU players handicaps will be determined by the player's Exact Handicap and their Slope Rating of their home course and is calculated according to the following formula:  $\text{Playing Handicap} = \text{Exact Handicap} \times (\text{Slope Rating} / 113)$ . The maximum handicap is 24. Two ball better ball stableford, all handicaps receive  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their allowance with a maximum of 18 strokes permissible.

### **Golf Professionals**

Professionals will play off scratch for the scratch event. However they will be allocated a handicap for the handicap event as follows:

- +5** Current World Tour Golf Professional ranked in worlds top 50
- +4** Current member of a World PGA golf tour
- +3** Current member of a Seniors World PGA Tour
- +3** Current full time playing professional golfer competing on satellite tours, regional PGA and pro am events, or past member of a world tour in the last 5 years or recorded a gross score of 3 under in the last year in a professional event.
- +2** A Professional that plays and competes at club or local/regional level or has recorded a gross scorecard of scratch in the last 2 years in a professional event. Has a past CV of an experienced golfer of pedigree.
- +1** A Professional that plays infrequently and not competed competitively for the last 2 years. Has a past CV of being an experienced competing Professional.
- Scr** A Professional that can prove plays infrequently and not competed competitively or has recorded a scratch score within the last 4 years.
- 1hcp** No longer competing in professional events or competitive. Have not won anything scr in a pro event or recorded a gross score in competition under 5 over par in the last 2 years. Or can supply any supporting evidence that they no longer play to scratch. Past professionals of pedigree do not qualify.
- 2hcp** Senior Professionals 55 and over - No longer competing in professional events or competitive. Have not won anything scr in a pro event or recorded a gross score in a competition under 5 over par in the last 5 years. Or can supply any supporting evidence that they no longer play to 2 handicap or below.

**3 or more hcp** Senior Professionals 65 and over - No longer competing in professional events or competitive. Have not won anything scr in a pro event or recorded a gross score in a competition under 5 over par in the last 5 years. Or can supply any supporting evidence of medical condition that prevent them from being able to score below there allotted handicap.

Strokes will be given against the stroke index on each hole on the card. In accordance with handicapping all competitors will take their club handicap.

Stableford points will be scored in accordance to the rules of Golf i.e:

0	Double	3	Birdie
1	Bogey	4	Eagle
2	Par	5	Albatross

In areas of a tournament ruling or dispute the two ball rule will come into effect and decided upon on the return of your scorecard on completion of your round.

### **Congu Handicap Chart**

Handicap 90% stroke allowance

+5	-5	10	9
+4	-4	11	10
+3	-3	12	11
+2	-2	13	12
+1	-1	14	13
0	0	15	14
1	1	16	15
2	2	17	15
3	3	18	16
4	4	19	17
5	5	20	18
6	5	21	19
7	6	22	20
8	7	23	21
9	8	24	22

### **Bad Weather**

Please note that the golf course reserve the right in the event of bad weather that no buggies will be allowed on the course. If you have a medical condition and the golf course deems no buggies it is your decision to continue – if you decide not to continue because you cannot ride a buggy no refund can be given. There will no refunds for lost golf due to bad weather. In case of lightening mark your ball and you are allowed to leave the course and take shelter for safety. A shotgun or siren will be fired in the event of abandoning play. Please mark your ball and make your way back to the clubhouse. Play will resume on an official announcement of another siren or shotgun or notice in the clubhouse. No other reason will constitute leaving the course, therefore play should continue

The event will be concluded or suspended at the discretion if weather concludes the event prematurely at the discretion of the tournament director.

### **Tees**

All competitors including professionals and juniors will play from the same men's black Father and Son tees. Shorter hitters can elect to play from forward tees but will not qualify to win the competition.

### **Prizes**

EFSGC operates a one prize per team policy. Each person can only win one prize during tournament. Please note that you will forfeit your prize if you do not stay and attend the prize giving. Prizes cannot be posted.

### **Buggies**

Professionals CAN ride in buggies for the event

### **Aids**

All official yardage viewers and distance finders recognized by the R&A and the PGA will be permissible for use in the event. Wind and club selection aids are forbidden.

### **Ties**

Light permitting, ties for the championships scratch and handicap will be settled by a sudden death playoff from the 18th Hole until a result is concluded. The playoff will be **BOTH balls counting** (this is to force a quicker result as we will be limited for time due to light and television coverage). If light or time fails at the discretion of the tournament referee and director the winners will be awarded by count back to the highest points total on the final 18 holes play. then last 9, 6, 3, 1. All other ties will be awarded on count back, last 18, 9, 6, 3, 1.

### **Scorecards/Scoreboard**

You simply need to mark your playing partners best gross score and their stableford points for each hole in the marker's column. Put in their total accumulated points in the total box and sign the card. Keep your best team gross score in the players column.

If you are not sure how to correctly complete a scorecard for this event speak to the official Referee who are available before the event. Please remember we will need a handicap total and a scratch total on each score card. It is imperative for your card to be accepted you must calculate and mark your total final scores. Failure to do so will result in no score being recorded.

### **Cheating**

Golf is one of the greatest sports in the world. Respected and admired for its integrity and fair play. EFSGC wants to run an incident free successful event whereby we crown the TRUE and rightful winners. All competitors will be drawn at random for each days play to partner a different team. It is all teams' responsibility to watch their partners and witness their play and scores. If you believe you have witnessed a misdemeanour, it is always best to question or POLITELY discuss this with the opponent first for them to give their explanation, if that is not possible or awkward then please discreetly speak to the tournament referee or director at your first opportunity BEFORE you sign your partner's card. We will take over from there. If this episode creates a negative atmosphere we will attempt to swap the teams with other teams. We ask to keep all accusations and incidences to be kept private and not to discuss with other competitors, only with officials. We will contact the club secretaries of all the top teams in contention on the final day to verify their status. Anyone caught cheating will be in breach of our T&C and asked to leave the event with immediate effect and lose their complete holiday package.

### **Sweep**

An optional tote will be run each day. This simply means you back any team EACH DAY for a bet you think will have the days highest point score. Each evening the committee will pay out 70% of the pot to the winner/s and 30% of the pot to the runner up. You can place as many bets as you wish

### **TV, Media and your privacy**

EFSGC own the rights to all of our media and we reserve the right to use the media for the sole use of promotional activity. All competitors and non golfers agree to allow EFSGC to use their name, photo or video solely for our promotional activities distributed via media outlets to public domain. You agree that your data could be shared with supporting sponsors of the event but not shared with anyone else.

### **Behaviour**

All competitors under the age of 18 are the responsibility of their parent/s – we hope that everyone will join in the spirit of the tournament. EFSGC cannot tolerate any bad behavior at the golf course or in the hotel public areas. Please can we ask all fathers to be responsible for under 18s to comply with the hotel and European drinking laws.

### **Advertising**

No teeshirts with company names or advertising printed on them are allowed at the event and you will be asked to change your shirt in this event – small breast logos are permitted. Advertising opportunities are available please request details.

Red Golf reserve the right to change or amend any of these rules with prior notification.

If any competitor has any issues about our Rules and Conditions you MUST raise this with the Tournament Controller and or referee BEFORE the start of the event otherwise it is concluded that all competitors have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the EFSGC.

**Any questions on the above please do not hesitate to contact us.**

**GOOD LUCK, ENJOY YOUR GAME AND PLAY WELL!!!**

